

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 958

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bryan Merritt for his service as TSEA president.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize and applaud those exemplary persons who have dedicated their time and talents to improving the lives of their fellow public servants; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Bryan Merritt, who recently completed his second term as president of the Tennessee State Employees Association (TSEA); and

WHEREAS, established in 1974, TSEA is a nonprofit organization comprised of active and retired State employees that represents the interests of all Tennessee State employees, striving to improve their salaries, rights, and benefits; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt was elected by the association's membership to serve as president in June 2014, and he served with such probity and honor that he was elected to a second term; and

WHEREAS, notable achievements during his tenure as president include balancing TSEA's operating budget and increasing the association's visibility and level of respect; and

WHEREAS, prior to serving as president, Bryan Merritt was the chairman of the Tennessee Employees Action Movement, TSEA's political action committee, from June 2013 to June 2014, and he represented TSEA's 11<sup>th</sup> District on the association's Board of Directors from June 2009 to June 2014; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Mr. Merritt served the State of Tennessee for nearly twenty years, working for the Department of Human Services as an eligibility worker for three years and as a field supervisor for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Merritt currently serves as the TSEA field representative for District 1;  
and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Merritt received the 2010 Rising Star Award and the 2011 Hall of Fame Award; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Bryan Merritt is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Allison Heather Merritt, and his son, Benjamin Matthew Merritt; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly applaud his noble work on behalf of all State employees; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Bryan Merritt for his service as TSEA president, salute his unwavering support of the employees of the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.